

AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION/MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT		1. CONTRACT ID CODE	
2. AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION NO. 05	3. EFFECTIVE DATE 09/11/2009	4. REQUISITION/PURCHASE REQ. NO. BG 090203	5. PROJECT NO. (If applicable) BG090203
6. ISSUED BY AOC - Procurement Division 2nd & D Streets, SW Room H2-263 WASHINGTON, DC 20515	CODE 9901	7. ADMINISTERED BY (If other than Item 6)	CODE
8. NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONTRACTOR (No., street, country, state and ZIP Code)		(X)	9A. AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION NO. RFP090051
		X	9B. DATED (SEE ITEM 11) 08/24/2009
			10A. MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT/ORDER NO.
			10B. DATED (SEE ITEM 11)
CODE	FACILITY CODE		

11. THIS ITEM ONLY APPLIES TO AMENDMENTS OF SOLICITATIONS

☒ The above numbered solicitation is amended as set forth in item 14. The hour and date specified for receipt of Offers ☐ is extended, ☒ is not extended.

Offers must acknowledge receipt of this amendment prior to the hour and date specified in the solicitation or as amended, by one of the following methods: (a) By completing items 8 and 15, and returning ___1___ copies of the amendment; (b) By acknowledging receipt of this amendment on each copy of the offer submitted; or (c) By separate letter or telegram which includes a reference to the solicitation and amendment numbers. FAILURE OF YOUR ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO BE RECEIVED AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED FOR THE RECEIPT OF OFFERS PRIOR TO THE HOUR AND DATE SPECIFIED MAY RESULT IN REJECTION OF YOUR OFFER. If by virtue of this amendment your desire to change an offer already submitted, such change may be made by telegram or letter, provided each telegram or letter makes reference to the solicitation and this amendment, and is received prior to the opening hour and date specified.

12. ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION DATA (If required)

 13. THIS ITEM ONLY APPLIES TO MODIFICATION OF CONTRACTS/ORDERS.
 IT MODIFIES THE CONTRACT/ORDER NO. AS DESCRIBED IN ITEM 14.

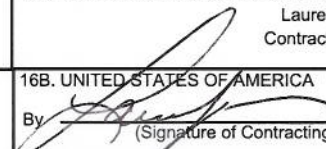
CHECK ONE	A. THIS CHANGE ORDER IS ISSUED PURSUANT TO: (Specify authority) THE CHANGES SET FORTH IN ITEM 14 ARE MADE IN THE CONTRACT ORDER NO. IN ITEM 10A.
	B. THE ABOVE NUMBERED CONTRACT/ORDER IS MODIFIED TO REFLECT THE ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES (such as changes in paying office, appropriation date, etc.) SET FORTH IN ITEM 14, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF FAR 43.103(b).
	C. THIS SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT IS ENTERED INTO PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY OF:
	D. OTHER (Specify type of modification and authority)

E. IMPORTANT: Contractor ☐ is not, ☐ is required to sign this document and return _____ copies to the issuing office.

14. DESCRIPTION OF AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION (Organized by UCF section headings, including solicitation/contract subject matter where feasible.)

This Amendment No. 5 is being issued to answer the final questions received.

Except as provided herein, all terms and conditions of the document referenced in Item 9A or 10A, as heretofore changed, remains unchanged and in full force and effect.

15A. NAME AND TITLE OF SIGNER (Type or print)		16A. NAME AND TITLE OF CONTRACTING OFFICER (Type or print) Lauren Wilson Contracting Officer	
15B. CONTRACTOR/OFFEROR (Signature of person authorized to sign)	15C. DATE SIGNED	16B. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA By  (Signature of Contracting Officer)	16C. DATE SIGNED 09/11/2009

“U.S. BOTANIC GARDEN TERRACE GARDEN (RAIN GARDEN)”
RFP NO. 090051

Questions and Government Responses

Question 1: Please confirm we are pricing Phase A only. In the meeting this was requested, but the drawings show all phases. Not sure if you wanted all pricing broken out by phase.

Response: Pricing is for Phase A only. The General Requirements and Summary of Work outline the work associated with this solicitation.

Question 2: In the site meeting it was verbally stated the existing plants would be removed by another contractor along with the temporary display. Please confirm this is the case, since the demolition drawing does not show any demolition for phase A other than protecting the existing trees and note 2 for the yard hydrant.

Response: Yes, existing plants will be removed by others, all but the turf and trees shown on the plans. See specification Section 011000 - Summary of Work, Part 1.6, Work By Government.

Question 3: In the meeting it was discussed that a construction fence should be provided around phase A with slats. Please confirm 6 foot high metal fence with blocks and visibility slats are to be provided.

Response: See General Requirements - Section 010000, page 18, Baricades and Fences for details; the fence is to be 8 foot high.

Question 4: Is any yard inlet protection required? I could not find any reference to specific yard inlets and the type of protection for phase A.

Response: There are not any existing yard inlets in phase A, a perimeter silt fence is required in locations shown on sheet C103 of the construction drawings; see sheet C501 and the specifications for details.

Question 5: Please note the solicitation calls for 6 options while the specifications call for two. Per the meeting we will proceed with the 6 as discussed.

Response: Please price all that are listed, there are 2 Options and 3 Unit Prices, the two may have been confused.

Question 6: Is the government providing the testing for concrete and soil compaction or is this to be provided by the contractor?

Response: Contractor is to provide the required submittals as detailed in the specification sections through independent testing laboratories (e.g., concrete cylinder test results, density and moisture soil tests reports).

Question 7: How many days are required to notify the contractor of a change? This is blank on page 17 of 57.

Response: This clause does not apply. Remove from Solicitation.

Question8: On page 18 of 57 the number of days the contracting officer has to respond to a change is blank. Please provide.

Response: This clause does not apply. Remove from Solicitation.

Question 9: On pg 32 of 57 submittals is discussed. Please confirm the turnaround time for the A/E for the project. The time frame from award to start of construction is only a month. Submittals need to be turned around in 5 days by the A/E. Please confirm.

Response: Review can be expedited and returned within 5 days of receipt for items marked 'Critical'.

Question 10: There is a note on the drawings on each page of the landscape drawings that states "Note: Purchase and planting of seasonal display beds are NIC and will be done by the government" I do not see any indication where the display beds are? I am assuming all plants indicated on the drawings are to be priced. Please confirm today.

Response: There is one Seasonal bed in phase A, shown on sheet L110, at the corner of First Street and Independence Ave. adjacent to the sidewalk, and surrounding the entry sign. There are not any plants specified for that bed, it will be planted by garden staff after construction.

Question 11: All the bulb drawings (example drawing L111) state bulb planting NIC. Please confirm today we are not to price any of the bulbs. Note sure why these drawings were included.

Response: Contractor is not to price any bulbs, these will also be planted by garden staff, bulb planting sheets are informational only.

Question 12: Plant sizes are specified, but not quantities. Should we provide unit cost pricing or do a quantity take-off based on our own square footages & recommended spacing? The latter will make it difficult for an apples-to-apples comparison. Please advise.

Response: Contractor is to provide quantities based on their own square footage calculations and the plant spacing provided by the designer (see the Comments column on L602 and L603 for spacing).

Unit cost pricing is required, should the Government choose to add or subtract plants. Having unit costs and quantities will make the bids easily comparable.

Question 13: What is the 10" existing storm drainage piping type i.e. PVC, cast iron?

Response: The existing 10" storm drain is PVC, the proposed drain is a combination of cast iron and PVC; the exposed piping and dome are to be cast iron, then transition to PVC below grade, at the 45 degree elbow.

Please price the new drain and piping as a separate option, it may not be necessary with the volume of water.

Question 14: There is a spec for augered piles, but I do not believe there are any in Phase A. Please confirm

Response: Does not apply to this work, the cast auger piles are for the fountain, Phase E only.

Question 15: Will we be able to use temporary electric and water from the existing building?

Response: Yes, please refer to 010000 General Requirements, 1.6.D.

Question 16: Is a bid bond required?

Response: Yes, please refer to AOC52.228-7 Offer Guarantee - Construction (page 51 or 57), and Article 3 Instructions for Preparing the Price Proposal (page 54 of 57).